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STATISTICS CANADA

## Only six other metro areas more populous in Canada

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Between firework flashes on Canada Day in 2015 and 2016, around 17,000 more people started calling themselves Winnipeggers, making the city's metropolitan area the seventh largest in Canada.

After releasing an initial report in February detailing how Winnipeg's population growth outpaced the national average of late, Statistics Canada reported Wednesday considerable growth in the official census-defined metropolitan area.

As of July 1, 2016, an estimated 811,874 people inhabited Winnipeg's metro area, up from 794,729 on July 1, 2015.

The increase places Winnipeg ahead of the comparably inhabited Quebec City metro area, which is now behind by 4,663 people with its head count of approximately 807,211 as of Canada Day 2016.

The year-over-year increase slots Winnipeg behind just six other metropolitan areas in terms of population. Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa-Gatineau are still larger, and it would be a stretch to imagine Winnipeg climbing higher on the list any time soon.

Winnipeg's metro population would need to increase by 539,261 in order to match that of Canada's sixth-largest, Ottawa-Gatineau.

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Nike has unveiled a hijab for Muslim female athletes made of light, stretchy fabric. **World**

SAFETY

# Transit drivers are ready to quit: union

**Stephanie Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

Concerns about workplace safety will have more bus drivers heading for the door, says the president of Winnipeg's transit union.

"There's a lot of apprehension out there," John Callahan, head of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505, told reporters Wednesday.

"I am hearing from members that they're checking their time to see if they're eligible for retirement, if possible. Others are getting their resumes ready to move on."

The issues of violence and harassment toward drivers have been in the spotlight since the slaying death of 58-year-old operator Irvine Jubal Fraser last month.

Police said Fraser finished his shift at the University of Manitoba on Feb. 14 when an altercation ensued with a passenger who had fallen asleep on the bus.

Brian Kyle Thomas, 22, is now facing charges in Fraser's death, including second-degree murder.

"It's a struggle to get bus operators in the first place, and this obviously isn't going to help matters. Unless these issues can be addressed and addressed very quickly," said Callahan.

He said four-security related incidents happened on buses over the weekend, but wouldn't provide specifics out of concerns for copycat antics.

On Wednesday, Mayor Brian Bowman's executive policy committee unanimously voted for staff to report back on what safety measures are currently in place for drivers.

> **There's a lot of apprehension out there.**
> John Callahan

Callahan, who called the review a positive first step, reiterated concerns that more action needs to happen sooner.

He said one of the issues he has raised with acting director of Winnipeg Transit Greg Ewankiw is that dispatchers follow proper security protocols.

Callahan believes that right now, too much discretion is being used when an incident gets reported, which can put drivers in harm's way.

"There's no room for discretion. It should be very clear and concise what needs to happen when there's a breach to a security issue," he said.

**A bus driver was fatally stabbed on Feb. 14.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

**At least 202 people have been intercepted crossing the border near Emerson since Jan. 1.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 19 asylum-seekers cross border in storm

IMMIGRATION

## One may have broken arm; group also includes child



**Jessica Botelho-Urbanski**
For Metro | Winnipeg

At least 19 more new arrivals walked into Canada between Tuesday and Wednesday in the midst of one of the winter's most brutal storms, says the area reeve.

Greg Janzen, reeve of Emerson-Franklin, said two people were picked up by emergency responders near Emerson Tuesday night, while 17 more were found huddled in a carport north of the town Wednesday morning.

Because of a raging blizzard, Janzen said the second group walked three-quarter miles north of the town of Emerson, not realizing they had arrived in Canada.

Janzen said there were a "number of medical issues" among the asylum seekers and someone had possibly broken an arm. There were women, men and one child among the new arrivals.

Though the volunteers are getting calls at all hours of the night recently to help locate refugee claimants, Jeff French, the volunteer fire chief, said they are managing well and feel supported by the provincial and federal governments' responses.

> **Their well-being is jeopardized, and we don't want to see anybody hurt.**
> Sgt. Cory Meyers

Highway 75 has been closed due to the severe weather and commuters arriving from Emerson have stayed put in the town.

The community complex has been opened for stranded travelers, Janzen said, a move that happens when the two hotels in town are full.

Sgt. Cory Meyers, head of the Manitoba RCMP's integrated border enforcement team, said the police are concerned for the safety of those attempting to cross.

"Their well-being is jeopardized, and we don't want to see anybody hurt. The RCMP strongly discourages those attempting to cross the border from making the trek. The risks are too high in this harsh weather," Meyers said in an email.

COURTS

# No more silver bullet: frustration at photo radar decision

**Braeden Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's most vocal traffic justice advocate is frustrated this week after a precedent-setting ruling hailed as a ticket-fighting silver bullet was reversed by a higher court.

Todd Dube said half a dozen or more photo radar tickets were thrown out after provincial court Judge Mary Kate Harvie's May 2016 ruling that such tickets should take four to six months — any longer and the delay was unreasonable, she said.

A subsequent Supreme Court decision overturned that decision, ruling that any provincial court trial should be completed within 18 months, lest it violate a defendant's charter rights.

On Monday, Court of Queen's Bench Judge Vic Toews took his queue from that latter decision, ruling a contested school zone ticket given a trial date eight days away from its 18-month window closing was fair.

Dube said by his own interpretation, Harvie was right and Toews was wrong, explaining "the Supreme Court decision shouldn't apply to summary conviction matters" which he believes are "legally speaking no different than parking tickets."

"For him to say 18 months is reasonable for a ticket like this misses the point," he said.

"The issue that's never been addressed is this: why all of a sudden is there a two-year backlog?"

Dube said he believes overall ticket volume contributes to 18-month or longer delays for fighting photo radar tickets in Winnipeg.

METRO ASKS

# What did you learn from your Daughters of the Vote experience?

On International Women's Day, young women from across Canada were invited to replace their MPs and take a seat in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill. Twelve of the 338 delegates were from Manitoba. Metro asked three of them:

JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI FOR METRO

**I have learned so much during my time at Daughters of the Vote, but I believe the most moving experience has been hearing all the personal testimonials from delegates. I believe that personal experiences can be the most powerful teachers and I have learned more than I ever thought that I would in such a short time.**

**Racheal Wu, 21,** Brandon-Souris

**I've learned that if you ask politicians questions, they're not going to give you the answer that you're looking for. There's 70 Indigenous delegates that are in Ottawa now, so I asked Justin Trudeau: 'What advice would you give to us if we wanted to go into politics?' He just talked about reconciliation and how Canada is moving towards that. It wasn't really the answer I was looking for, but it was OK.**

**Shania Pruden, 19,** Elmwood-Transcona IMAGES CONTRIBUTED

**If there's one thing I learned today, it's that women are capable of making a significant contribution to politics when given the opportunity to be heard. We heard from Indigenous, Muslim, black and many other incredible women about issues that aren't often addressed. I and 337 women took our place in one of the most powerful rooms in Canada, and it was an unforgettable experience.**

**Johise Namwira, 19,** Kildonan-East St. Paul

MEDICINE

# Quadriplegic politician wants presumed consent for organ donation

A Manitoba politician left paralyzed from the neck down by a highway collision is pushing for a law that would make all people in the province an organ donor unless they opted out.

Steven Fletcher, who has used a wheelchair since hitting a moose with his vehicle in 1996, said in an interview he remembers being close to death in hospital, unable to talk, and not having registered as an organ donor. "Organ donation would have been consistent with my wishes, and to think that my organs, if I had passed on, would have been wasted is not a very good thought," he said.

Fletcher is to introduce a private member's bill in the legislature Thursday that would change the way the province registers organ donors. Currently, people opt in as donors by signing up on a provincial website or on certain provincial identity cards.

Fletcher's plan, known as presumed consent, would create an opt-out system. People would be presumed to be organ donors unless they registered their desire not to donate. Donations would only be for surgeries and other therapeutic purposes — not research, Fletcher added.

Fletcher is a backbencher in the Progressive Conservative government elected last year, so there are no guarantees that his bill will become law. Few such bills get passed in the legislature, where they compete with the government's official legislative agenda.

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> Steven Fletcher

Fletcher has been here before. In 2014, when he was a member of Parliament, he introduced a private member's bill on doctor-assisted death. The bill didn't pass, but it helped spark debate.

The following year, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the law against assisted suicide in cases where a person is competent, enduring endless suffering and in "grievous and irremediable" condition.

"What I learned from that is, you don't need to win to win. You don't need to pass a bill to be successful with that bill," Fletcher said.

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# ‘It’s lots of songs which is great’

INTERVIEW

## Samson and Fellows want to read your writings

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

Two of Winnipeg’s most skilled songwriters have set up shop in the Millennium Library for the past seven months.

As the library’s writers-in-residence, married musicians John K. Samson and Christine Fellows have combed through stacks on stacks of strangers’ writing, editing prose and sharing their thoughts with a crop of up-and-coming talent.

The deadline to send writing submissions to them for review is Mar. 13, while their residency finishes at the end of April.

After that, the couple plans to hop across the pond to tour Europe in support of Samson’s latest album, Winter Wheat.

Before hitting the road, Samson and Fellows sat down with Metro to discuss time well spent at the library. This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity and length.

**John K. Samson and Christine Fellows** at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg. The songwriters – and married couple – have been combing through stacks of strangers’ writing as part of the library’s writers-in-residence program. COURTESY MICHELLE PANTING

**Are people mainly submitting songs for you to review? Or is it a whole whack of different writing genres?**

**Christine Fellows:** “It’s lots of songs, which is great, because I think songwriters don’t have a lot of places they can go to talk about craft. It’s all about industry. We have all this support for how to make it in the music industry, but no support for the craft itself, which to me, is cart before horse. Craft should be something that we foster in each other and in the creative community if we want to get better.”

**John K. Samson:** “I think also the democracy of genres has been really appealing to us in that all writing is writing. All writing matters. So it’s been really kind of excellent for us to immerse ourselves in all these genres that we generally wouldn’t be asked to comment on.”

**Have you both always been open to having your own writing critiqued? Or did you have to work up to that point?**

**JKS:** “I think people are less open to it maybe at the beginning of their careers or their writing lives… (Writing) needs to be received in order to exist, I think, even if it’s just (read) by one other person.”

**CF:** “We have these amazing experiences where people are showing us the very first thing they’ve ever written. A service like this (residency) is open to people and especially valuable to people who do not have a built-in community. So many (people) have a writers’ group or an editor… but there are a lot of people writing without those resources.”

**JKS:** “With the democratization of the media, you have all these people who are now able to write and put their writing into the world. But I think what we’re lacking more and more is readers — like actual attentive readers who will push the work forward. So I think the editor is a sort of endangered figure in a lot of ways, but I think they’re needed now more than ever.”

**There’s a whole barrage of unsolicited criticism you can get online, so it feels almost weird to come to an actual physical place and ask for criticism from strangers.**

**JKS:** “The distancing effect that screens have obviously I think kind of provokes people into saying things that maybe aren’t constructive or super reflective. That’s sort of an understatement.”

**CF:** “You’re being really, really…”

**JKS:** “I’m being kind to the Internet there. So I think that when you actually sit down with someone it totally alters what the conversation will be. There’s a reciprocity that occurs that’s really super valuable and something I feel like is increasingly rare.”

**CF:** “Plus we’re at the library. One time, I was sitting at that desk right over there by the computer and a lady came in and started talking to me and then just gave me a hug. A total random stranger. And then there’s payphones on every floor, which we kind of love… just being in this place that is a bustle of activity.”

**JKS:** “It feels like a real intersection of all the different Winnipegs that exist. They all kind of intersect here.”

**You guys have been married since 2004 and working together a lot, obviously.**

**CF:** “We f–king love each other. It’s apparent. I’m not even embarrassed to say it.”

**So do you fall more in love with each other as you work more together? Or do you get sick of each other?**

**JKS:** “I think the lines between our personalities get more and more blurred every year. Like we’re sort of becoming one person in the world and I’m pretty happy with that, actually. I feel like we both are.”

**CF:** “Stockholm syndrome! We’ve fallen in love with our kidnappers. It’s what happens.”

**JKS:** “The two of us together equal, like…”

**CF:** “…one brain.”

**JKS:** “One competent person.”

### IF YOU GO

- John K. Samson and Christine Fellows are performing Thursday at the Millennium Library’s Carol Shields Auditorium as part of FourTelling from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- University of Winnipeg writer-in-residence Katherena Vermette and University of Manitoba writer-in-residence Jennifer Still will also perform.
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FESTIVAL

## Chong coming to comedy fest

Light it up, Winnipeg.

Comedian Tommy Chong – of the famed, blunt-filled Cheech and Chong films – is coming to the river city, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival announced Thursday.

Chong will host the Good Neighbours gala April 7 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

Festival organizers also announced Shazia Mirza is bringing her popular stand-up show The Kardashians Made Me Do It, to the West End Cultural Centre April 9.

“I’m delighted to have ‘free radicals’ joining the fest,” Artistic Director Lara Rae said in a press release. “Both of these artists have spoken their minds at great personal risk, and I have incredible respect and love for both of them – they make me laugh and think at the same time!”

Tommy Chong CONTRIBUTED

New add-ons to the line-up include the free You’re Welcome “ethnic comedy” show, which will be hosted by Martha Chaves and feature the likes of Fatima Dhowre, Chad Anderson, Mark James Heath and Nile Seguin.

Shazia Mirza CONTRIBUTED

The Winnipeg Comedy Festival runs April 3-9 at various venues in the city.

Tickets are on sale and available online at www.winnipegcomedyfestival.com.

METRO

# Province changes policy for school report cards

EDUCATION

## Trans teen received grades with his 'dead name'

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

It was Tobias Berger's birthday on Wednesday and before he blew out any candles, he'd already gotten his wish.

The River East Transcona School Division will start using the transgender teen's preferred name on his report card and any other academic paperwork.

As the 15-year-old first told Metro in February, his school, Miles MacDonell Collegiate, was using his "dead name" on his report cards. They were calling him by his birth name when he now goes by Tobias and identifies as a transgender male.

Tobias was excited to hear the province changed its naming policy this month, allowing schools to use students' preferred names on documents instead of their legal ones.

"It feels great," he said in an interview Wednesday. "I got a lot of praise from my teachers and my dad's friends (for speaking out). They said they were really proud of me, because I was really nervous about doing it."

Tobias Berger, a 15-year-old transgender teen, received a report card in February from River East School Division using his "dead name." LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

"My principal just said we have to write a note to him with my parent's signature and my signature saying that we would prefer this (name) and that they would put it in all of their legal documents," the teen explained.

His dad, Kurt Berger, said he's proud of his son for speaking up on behalf of other transgender students, some of whom had to see their "dead name" on their high school diplomas in the past.

"I'm excited by the fact that this also helps other trans students that are out there that don't want their dead names used," Berger said. "I'm proud of Tobi. It takes a lot to put himself out there and he did."

River East Transcona School Division's superintendent Kelly Barkman said the province informed the division late last week they could go ahead with changes to their naming policy,

> **It feels great. I got a lot of praise from my teachers and my dad's friends.**
> Tobias Berger

allowing transgender students to use whichever names they prefer in paperwork.

Barkman said the division subsequently revised its gender identity guidelines and transgender students can now let administration know if they want to change their preferred names in the system.

"The development of our (gender identity) guidelines in 2015, and the day-to-day steps we take to ensure our transgender students are accommodated and their rights are respected, show we care about their evolving needs," Barkman said in an email.

"The fact we can now use their preferred name on their report cards is one more step in the journey."

In an emailed statement, a provincial spokesperson said Manitoba Education and Training determined, in cases where a student had parental support, requests for name changes at schools could be accepted.

"This decision to accommodate takes into consideration the fact that parents are the only audience for report cards," the spokesperson said.

ENVIRONMENT

## Lessening the impact of doing laundry

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Either a thunderstorm-harnessing hero wants to save the planet, or a Winnipeg entrepreneur is doing his best to reduce the environmental impact of laundry — both statements are true, to some extent, of Kevin Shale.

He was working as an appliance repair technician when he realized there was no solution to washing machine issues associated with detergent build-up.

The conventional method of using oil-based soaps, and even the eco-friendly soaps, he explained, can lead to "mould build-up and a whole rash of other mechanical issues."

"Where I live, in Crestview, whenever I'm doing laundry… after a rain storm, or perhaps during spring with lots of melt water happening, all of our sewers are tied to storm drains," he explained. "They will overflow into Sturgeon Creek."

In areas where water is drawn from a septic field, he learned laundry wastewater can also pollute groundwater.

Shale moved on and setup a home base for Canadian sales of a product called PureWash Pro.

"It injects and infuses ozone into the incoming cold water… which will kill all mould, bacteria, viruses in the clothes and washing machine, open up fibres thus acting like a fabric softener, remove soiling, and eliminate odours… all without the use of chemicals," he said.

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PARLIAMENT HILL

# Advocates urge release of Canadian in Cairo

For more than a decade, Canadian Mohamed El Attar has been locked inside the notorious Tora Prison on bizarre charges of being an Israeli spy while few have fought for his freedom.

A delegation of politicians, human rights advocates and a former senior member of Canada's spy service are trying to change that. On Thursday at a Parliament Hill press conference, they will call on the Liberal government to press Egypt for his release.

"I hope this will revive the case, bring it more attention, will put pressure on this Canadian government," said Rev. Majed El Shafie, founder of the humanitarian organization One Free World International.

The case is personal for El Shafie. He has never met El Attar but he was once held and tortured in Egypt for converting from Islam to Christianity and he believes that El Attar is also being punished for his religion. El Attar, who was born in Egypt into a Muslim family, converted to Christianity and fled the country in 2002. He was given refuge in Canada, arguing that he was persecuted not just for his religion but also because he was gay.

El Shafie alleges that 46-year-old El Attar has been tortured in custody and that his case is based solely on a false confession.

The case against El Attar, who worked as a CIBC bank teller in Toronto, began when he flew to Cairo to visit friends and family in 2007. It was the first time he had returned to his country of birth since leaving five years earlier. He was arrested as soon as he landed on New Year's Day.

El Attar's alleged crime was spying for Israel for several years.

Then foreign affairs minister Peter MacKay said after the trial that the Canadian government remains "concerned about a number of aspects of this case."

But the case soon fell off the political and media agenda and El Attar was left to languish.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mohamed El Attar, 46, has been locked inside the notorious Tora Prison in Cairo, Egypt on bizarre charges of being an Israeli spy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDMONTON

# Road rage attacker breaks woman's arms

Edmonton police say they are investigating lots of tips as they search for a man who is accused of breaking a woman's arms with a crowbar in a vicious road rage attack.

Police spokesman Scott Pattison says it appears the man was aiming for the women's head Tuesday morning in a quiet residential neighbourhood.

"It is alleged the male suspect was swinging for her head and she blocked the swing," he said Wednesday. "That is what we believe."

Police say the 34-year-old woman honked her horn as she was passing a car that was stopped in the street where she was trying to make a turn.

When she got out of her vehicle, police say, the man ran up to her, striking her on both arms with a crowbar.

The woman was taken to hospital and underwent surgery.

"She has had multiple breaks in both arms - very significant breaks," Pattison said. "She is still in hospital."

"No road rage is acceptable, but when you have a mother who was just on her way home after dropping off her husband at work when she encountered this violent individual, you know it gives us all pause in the police service," Pattison said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANIMALS **WHY DID THE SALAMANDER CROSS THE ROAD?** The Jefferson salamander, an endangered amphibian found only in southern Ontario, has been dodging cars as it crosses the road on its annual march to breeding ponds. Starting Thursday, the salamanders will not have to worry about traffic as Burlington, Ont. will shut down part of a road to allow for their safe passage.
HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# There's still no pay equity for all women

EQUALITY

## Liberals won't move on legislation until 2018

Statistics Canada says that more women are in leadership roles in the public sector where pay equity is the law than in the private sector, where similar rules don't apply.

The report from the national statistics office released on International Women's Day says that gender parity existed in the public sector in 2015, when 54 per cent of legislators and senior government managers and officials were women.

The percentage of women in similar positions in the private sector was 25.6 per cent, the report says. The number of women in the workforce has risen considerably over the past 70 years, jumping rapidly between the 1950s and 1990, but rising at a slower pace since then.

As of 2014, women's labour force participation reached 82 per cent, Statistics Canada says, compared with 91 per cent for men, narrowing a gap that was more than 70 percentage points in the early 1950s.

In 2015, just over half of Canada's women worked in traditionally female occupations: teaching, nursing, social work, clerical positions, or sales and services, compared with 17.1 per cent of men - figures that have changed little over the last 30 years.

Women remain outnumbered in natural and applied science occupations that usually require a university degree.

As a result, women tended to occupy lower-paying jobs and earned less overall than men: Statistics Canada calculated that women earned 87 cents for every dollar earned by a man. Looking across 46 occupation groups, Statistics Canada found that women's wages would rise on average by $2.86 per hour if men and women were paid equally.

The Liberals won't move on pay equity legislation until 2018 at the earliest with the federal labour minister saying the law is more complicated than it sounds. Patty Hajdu said the government doesn't want to impose burdens on employers. In the meantime, the government is focusing on skills training targeting women who go into non-traditional fields, like the sciences and mining, and helping women who go into non-traditional jobs and leave because it is inhospitable for them to stay, Hajdu said.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

# House fast-tracks bill on judicial training

The House of Commons has unanimously agreed to fast-track a bill introduced by interim Tory leader Rona Ambrose that would require would-be judges to take courses in sexual assault law.

The Commons has accepted a motion from NDP Leader Tom Mulcair to bypass the usual second-reading debate and send the legislation straight to committee.

The bill, C-377, would restrict eligibility for an appointment to the bench to candidates who have completed comprehensive sexual assault education.

It would also require the Canadian Judicial Council to report on continuing education seminars in matters related to sexual assault law and change the Criminal Code to require courts to provide written reasons in sexual assault decisions.

The bill was introduced after a judge in Halifax acquitted a suspect in a sexual assault case and suggested that even an intoxicated woman could consent to sex.

"The circumstances are disturbing and, incredibly, the judge ruled that, 'Clearly, a drunk can consent,'" Ambrose said.

"Countless legal experts have pointed out the mistakes in this judgment. I have introduced a very common-sense bill to make sure that judges are not making basic errors or, even worse, painful comments that make victims think twice of ever pursuing justice," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Fearless Girl takes on the bull

WOMEN'S DAY

## Wall Street's iconic bronze statue meets its match

A new statue of a resolute young girl now faces Wall Street's famous Charging Bull, erected by a major asset managing firm for International Women's Day to make a point: There's a dearth of women on the boards of the largest U.S. corporations.

State Street Global Advisors, the Boston-based investment giant, had the statue created to push companies to increase the number of women directors.

Artist Kristen Visbal's "Fearless Girl" drew crowds Wednesday that initially came to pose for pictures with the bull, but the novelty quickly became a New York hot spot.

The girl, sculpted in bronze, appears to be staring down the bronze bull, her hands firmly planted on her waist, ponytailed head held high.

"Know the power of women in leadership. SHE makes a difference," reads a plaque at her feet.

"As a steward of nearly $2.5 trillion of assets, we want to engage with boards and management around issues that we think will drive core results," said Lori Heinel, State Street's deputy global chief investment officer. "And what you find repeatedly is having more diverse boards and more diverse senior management will actually drive better results for companies."

Twenty-five per cent of the Russell 3000 — an index of the nation's largest companies — have no women on their boards, according to State Street, which manages many of their assets.

According to ISS Analytics, a business research firm, just 16 per cent of board seats on companies in the Russell 3000 are held by women; the average board of directors has eight men and one woman.

"It's going to happen to the end of time unless you change something," says Erik Gordon, a lawyer and professor at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. "It's got to not just be the rules. It's got to be the culture."

This week, McCann New York, a top advertising agency, installed the statue of the girl before dawn Tuesday, with a city permit for one week. Negotiations are underway for the piece to remain longer.

Why choose the Charging Bull as the site to place the girl?

"Well, we really wanted the bull to have a partner, and a partner that we thought was worthy of him," Heinel said. "And so we got a very determined young woman who is fearless and is willing to drive the change that we believe we need."

Sundaram's eight-year-old daughter, Sankaribriya, got the message.

She wanted to pose with the sculpted girl "because I just wanted to look at her and wanted to feel like her."

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**'The Fearless Girl' statue** stands across from the iconic Wall Street charging bull statue in New York City on Wednesday. The statue was installed as part of a campaign to pressure companies to add more women to their boards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Women go on strike across U.S.

Many American women stayed home from work, joined rallies or wore red Wednesday to demonstrate how vital they are to the U.S. economy, as International Women's Day was observed with a multitude of events around the world.

The Day Without a Woman protest in the U.S. was put together by organizers of the vast women's marches that drew more than 1 million Americans the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

The turnout on the streets this time was much smaller in many places, with crowds numbering in the hundreds. There were no immediate estimates of how many women heeded the call to skip work.

"Trump is terrifying. His entire administration, they have no respect for women or our rights," said 49-year-old Adina Ferber, who took a vacation day from her job at an art gallery to attend a demonstration in New York City. "They need to deal with us as an economic force."

> **They need to deal with us as an economic force.**
> Adina Ferber

Elsewhere, women joined in protest. In Rome, hundreds marched from the Colosseum to demand equal rights, and thousands marched in Warsaw and Istanbul. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Global digest

**Iceland requiring firms to prove equal pay**

Iceland will be the first country in the world to make employers prove they offer equal pay regardless of gender, ethnicity or sexuality. The government said it will introduce legislation requiring employers to obtain certification to prove they give equal pay. AP

**Nike unveils hijab for Muslim athletes**

Nike has unveiled a hijab for Muslim female athletes.

The Nike Pro Hijab has been in development for a year, the company said. Athletes contributed input into the product, and figure skater Zahra Lari was among those who tested it. The hijab is made of light, stretchy fabric that includes tiny holes for breathability and an elongated back so it will not come untucked. AP

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET

# Is the Trump White House providing Trudeau's government with much-needed political cover for problems of its own making?

Over his first 15 months as a rookie MP and Canada's finance minister, Bill Morneau has mastered the art of the platitude. That could come in handy when he presents his second budget later this month.

It does not matter what curve balls his opposition critics throw at him in question period these days, his answers never stray from the generic talking points that usually pass for government responses in the House of Commons.

Morneau is no more enlightening in his exchanges with the media.

About the budget he is set to unveil on March 22, the minister had this to say Tuesday: "We want to move forward on our agenda and continue to be ambitious in helping Canadians."

In the case of budget 2017, discretion may well be the better part of valour.

Based on the government's pre-budget chatter, this year's installment is not destined to be a watershed document.

For weeks, Liberal spin doctors have been dampening expectations. To hear them, it would be best to treat the second budget of the Trudeau era as a non-event.

It is widely expected to leave more questions unanswered about the fiscal course of the government than it addresses.

Morneau and others point south of the border and blame the uncertainty that is attending the arrival in the White House of an unpredictable administration to account for the government's tentative approach to its upcoming budget.

Indeed, since Trump's inauguration, the finance minister has spent an unusual amount of time in the U.S. on what the government has described as fact-finding missions.

Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau's upcoming budget is being billed as blasé, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There is no doubt that Donald Trump's presidency is a wild card about whose impact it is hard to come to an informed assessment.

But it is also true that it offers convenient cover for a government that is as long on ambitious talk as it is short on revenues to finance its promises.

Long before Trump's potential arrival in the White House was seen as a credible threat, it was clear that whatever big-ticket items had not made it into last year's first Liberal budget would be unlikely to find pride of place in subsequent ones.

The sluggishness of the world economy precedes Trump's victory. So do the forecasts for a string of double-digit federal deficits that could easily stretch — if you believe Canada's parliamentary budget office — into the next mandate and beyond.

Morneau did not wait for Trump to win to start to shovel some federal spending forward.

Take health care. To make the pill of a 50 per cent reduction in the rate of increase of the health transfer to the provinces easier to swallow, the federal government upped its offer of more cash for mental health and homecare services last fall.

In total, it is committed to sweetening the provincial pot to the tune of about $12 billion dollars over 10 years.

But the six provinces that have signed accords with Ottawa so far will see little of that funding upfront.

Based on the one-on-one deals negotiated to date, Le Devoir extrapolated that Ottawa is poised to hand over not 10 per cent but rather less than 3 per cent of the 10-year envelope over the coming fiscal year.

It is not just on the budgetary front that the Trudeau government may be overstating Trump's impact on Canadian policy for its own reasons.

Take the refugees that have been showing up in greater numbers at various points along the border. Trump's determination to ban citizens from a handful of Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States has propelled them into the spotlight.

But when the Canadian Press investigated the phenomenon, it found that the trigger for the steady increase in the number of people crossing into Canada to apply for refugee status was Trudeau's arrival in power and the adoption of a more pro-refugee federal tone.

There is a legitimate government discussion to be had over the impact of Trump's agenda on Canada's economy and a prudent government would keep its options open enough to be able to adjust to whatever challenges arise from the policies of the new U.S. administration.

But it is nevertheless fair to ask whether the Trump White House is providing the Trudeau government with much-needed political cover for problems of its own making.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

**Welcome to Feminist In-Fight where I, Vicky Mochama, put two feminist forces in the Equality Death Cage.**

**THE FEUD**

After critics attacked **Emma Watson** for showing underboob in a Vanity Fair photoshoot, she responded by saying "Feminism is not a stick with which to beat other women." **Beyoncé fans,** more commonly known as **the Beyhive,** seized on the apparent hypocrisy. The fans, somewhat of a proxy for the notoriously media shy super star, pulled up a Watson quote from 2014 in which she questioned how Beyoncé could count herself a feminist while at the same time making sexy music videos.

| Wins to Their Name | |
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| UN Women Goodwill Ambassador | Made Beyoncé the highest-paid black musician in history |
| **Other Victories** | |
| Played Hermione and got to punch Draco Malfoy | Can count Meryl Streep and the entire Obama family among their ranks |
| **Notable Quotables** | |
| "If I was going to be a princess, I'd be a warrior princess." | "It's Beyonce's World and we are just living in it." - Anderson Cooper (Beyhive member) |
| **You Don't Want This Trouble** | |
| Has the might of the United Nations behind her | Has the might to flood your social media feeds with lemon emojis |
| **On Defence** | |
| Watson's full quote begins: "I'm quite nervous to bring it up because I still haven't really formulated by my own ideas about it..." So she knew she was on shaky territory, but still tried thinking out loud. | Prominent feminists constantly go after Beyoncé for not being the perfect feminist, and that gets tiring. Black feminists are especially tired. Like, Rip Van Winkle Tired. |

**Vicky, In Charge of Feminism, Decides**

**The Beyhive wins. The Hive always wins.** Credit to Emma Watson for engaging with the criticism by posting the full interview, but the United Nations can't handle the co-ordination of the Beyhive. They are a digital Swiss Guard who will die defending Beyoncé; Hermione fans could never.

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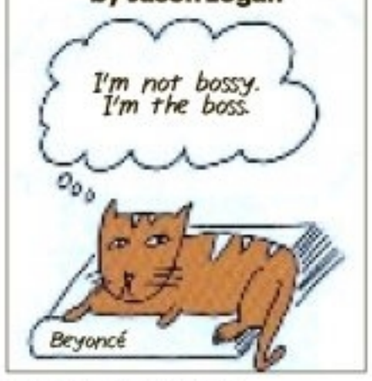


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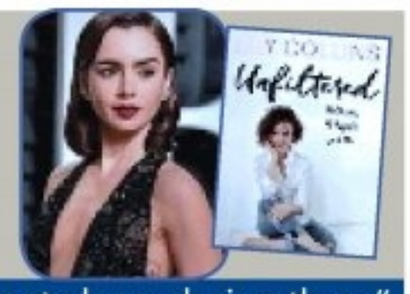


In her new book, Lily Collins forgives her father, Phil Collins, for "not always being there"

**Hard Powder, an action movie in the early stages of production, had applied to Parks Canada for permission to film some scenes in Banff, above, and the Columbia Icefields.** GETTY IMAGES

# Film barred over First Nations storyline

MOVIES

## Parks Canada blocks shoot in Banff after concerns raised

A movie production team was denied permission to shoot in the Rocky Mountain national parks after Parks Canada staff learned the film's plot involved an Indigenous gang leader.

"They expressed a real concern that this was not something they would favour," said Mark Voyce, location manager for a film project that had been scheduled to start shooting later this month.

Voyce is working for Michael Shamberg, a film producer whose past credits include movies such as Erin Brockovich, A Fish Called Wanda, Garden State, Gattaca and Get Shorty.

Shamberg is currently working on a project called Hard Powder, a crime drama ostensibly set in a Colorado ski town.

Action star Liam Neeson is to play an honest snowplow driver whose son is murdered by a local drug kingpin. He then seeks to dismantle the cartel, but his efforts spark a turf war involving a First Nations gang boss, played by First Nations actor, musician and Order of Canada member Tom Jackson.

Director Hans Petter Moland had hoped to shoot scenes in Banff, the Lake Louise townsite and ski hill, and the Columbia Icefields.

"He was enamoured of the beauty of the Columbia Icefields," Voyce said. "He was very stubborn in insisting that if we were going to come here, that it was to shoot parts of these films in the national park."

Voyce, who has previously organized movie shoots in national parks from Newfoundland's Gros Morne to Pacific Rim on Vancouver Island, said the team began the application process with Parks Canada in December. He said he believed that by last week, only a few details needed to be cleaned up and that permissions would be granted. Then, late last week, came a phone call.

"They phoned and asked, 'Is the leader of the rival gang in this picture First Nations?' We said yes. That became an obvious last nail in the coffin for us," he said.

"They didn't want to offend anybody. They (said they) would get back to us, but they had grave concerns over subject matter. They told us that in almost exactly those words."

On Monday, Voyce received a letter from Parks Canada listing eight requirements, including the possible need for an environmental assessment.

"We're looking to start filming on March 20 and can't really push our schedule," he said. "That, frankly, is a death blow for us."

Voyce said much of the information requested was included in the original application.

In an email, Parks Canada confirmed it has concerns over the script.

"The Government of Canada is committed to reconciliation and nation-to-nation relationships with Indigenous peoples, based on a recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership," said the response from spokeswoman Meaghan Bradley.

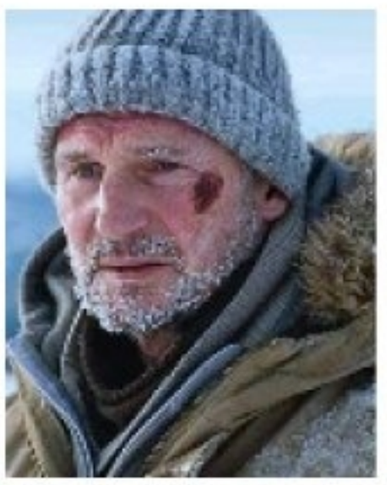
"In addition to some administrative details and outstanding documentation, Parks Canada's commitment to reconciliation and respect for Indigenous peoples was an important factor in the agency's final decision on this matter. Parks Canada maintains the right to refuse applications that are not in line with Parks Canada's mandate or operational priorities."

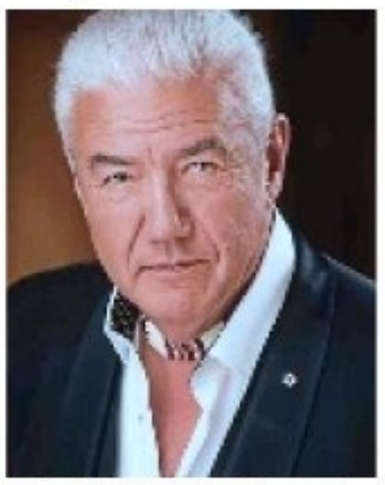
Such decisions are made locally by staff at the parks where the request is made, said Bradley.

The decision was made despite a letter of support from Jackson.

"As a consultant to this production, I have taken a strong stance to ensure that the humility and integrity of First Nation roles do not cross the line of disrespect to my culture. I don't feel my culture is insulted even slightly by the script," he wrote.

"Hard Powder will be made regardless. The question is whether we deprive our own, or do we harvest for our own?"





**Actors Liam Neeson, seen here in the 2011 film The Grey, and Tom Jackson star in Hard Powder.** HANDOUT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parks Canada receives many film requests every year and says it's not possible to accommodate them all. The mountain parks have a long history with movie and TV production, running from 1954's Marilyn Monroe-Robert Mitchum film River of No Return to scenes this year filmed for the popular series Game of Thrones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# What matters in a 'garbage soul'

NON-FICTION

## Scaachi Koul's 'catalogue of misery' sure to strike a chord

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

With the internet, you can yell at me and it costs you nothing. I don't know what they can say that I haven't heard already.
Scaachi Koul

**Writer Scaachi Koul says One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter is "a lot about loneliness."** CONTRIBUTED

Scaachi Koul didn't set out to write One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter. She began working on her personal essay collection two years ago, at age 24, intending the book — which she refers to as "a catalogue of misery" — to be a much lighter read. But when Koul's editors at Doubleday Canada pushed her to dig deeper into her "garbage soul," the underlying tenor of the book shifted.

"It's a lot about loneliness and trying to make a connection, and it's a lot about how your history informs where you're going," Koul says. "I'm happy where it went, but sometimes you do need an editor to tell you that you don't have to be glib all the time. That was a hard lesson for me."

Those who follow Koul's work as an editor at BuzzFeed or on Twitter know that she's an all-caps force who doesn't suffer fools or anonymous online trolls gladly.

The sly, cutting sarcasm — and the misery — still reverberate through One Day We'll All Be Dead, but they've been tempered, leaving breathing room for Koul to share more vulnerable observations of her life and her roles as a young woman, a girlfriend, a best pal and a daughter of Indian immigrants. She wrestles with Western beauty standards and ethnic stereotypes, and the horrifying reality of rape and surveillance culture, familiar to any woman who has spent a night at a bar watching her drink in fear of getting roofied.

"It's much easier to write down an anxiety or a fear you have, but then cut the tension with a joke. There are portions of the book where I didn't do that. People were telling me sometimes you have to let a moment land," says Koul, who describes the feeling of releasing the book as being akin to photocopying your diary and handing it over to a gang of junior-high girls.

"As much as my instincts were telling me to say, 'Here's a terrible thing that happened, but don't worry, everything's fine,' that's not always the right move. Writing generally is an exercise in being insecure. Of course, it feels uncomfortable and exposing."

Koul also didn't anticipate that her relationship with her family would become the heart of One Day We'll All Be Dead. Each chapter opens with an email exchange with her father, whose own surly charm will be familiar to anyone who follows Koul on Twitter. Although Koul talks about the specific ways in which she's inherited her parents' anxieties and the generational disconnect she feels as a child of immigrants, there's a universal quality to her interactions with her family that is reminiscent of American humorist and essayist David Sedaris, whose writing she loved from a young age.

"I have to write like they're already dead, otherwise every essay will come out as very stilted. I'm sure there's stuff that will make them uncomfortable reading it," Koul says. "I don't think my dad wants to read a chapter about my pubic hair, so I won't recommend it. My mom will read it and she'll cry, but she'll get over it."

One group of readers that Koul isn't worried about is the legion of online trolls that have been harassing her for the past few years. In One Day We'll All Be Dead she covers the personal toll the threats have caused, but says she doesn't expect that they'll actually make an effort to buy, let alone even pick up her book.

"There's a fee to enter. With the internet, you can yell at me and it costs you nothing and so that's where they live," she says. "I'm not super-concerned, and at this point, I don't know what they can say that I haven't heard already. Do your best. What can you say at this point to take this away from me?"

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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## Scoring the right sport for your child

Getting into sports at an early age can help kids develop social skills, learn problem solving skills, and develop a physical literacy that can keep them healthy and active for the rest of their lives.

But how do parents pick the best sports program for their children?

Greg Guenther is the senior manager of sport development at Sport Manitoba, he says the first thing parents should do is encourage their children to be active as early as possible—things as simple as taking them to the park regularly to play can make sure they enjoy physical activity before it's time to pick a sports program—then, when the time comes, he says parents should take direction from their kids.

"They will often be attracted to sport or activities that their friends are taking part in," he says, adding that's just fine because at an early age sports are just as much about learning social skills as about learning athletic skills. "The social aspect of sport should always be a consideration with young children. If a sport program is well coached and creates a welcoming, engaging opportunity to expend energy children will always want to take part."

The library at Sport Manitoba's Paul Robson Resource Centre for Leadership and Coaching is an excellent resource for parents and coaches looking to make sure kids get the most out of sports.

The library, located at Sport Manitoba's 145 Pacific Avenue offices, is free for the public and filled with books, DVDs, and other resources for a vast array of sports programming that can be used to further the growth of athletes, coaches, officials and community leaders.

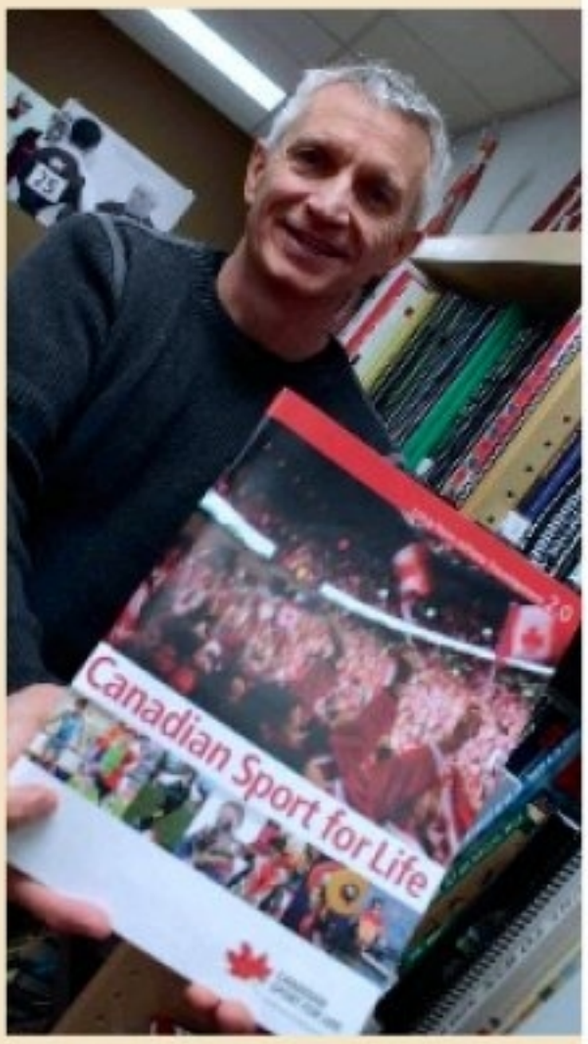
The resource centre is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and more information is available at sportsmanitoba.ca.

And if your child isn't initially interested in getting involved in a particular sports program Guenther says parents can gently nudge their kids by taking them out to try aspects of the sport and letting them find out why it's fun on their own.

Guenther says parents should try to recognize and respect their child's reason for playing a sport or practicing physical activity and always be supportive of their kid's involvement in sports, regardless of results.

Most importantly, says Guenther, parents shouldn't push their kids too hard, and always remember that letting them have fun will ultimately keep them interested in the activity.

Guenther says, "support your kids and tell them how much you love watching them play."




Sport Manitoba's Greg Guenther says the Canadian Sport for Life guide available free at Manitoba's Paul Robson Resource Centre for Leadership and Coaching is a great resource for parents looking to pick the right sports programming for their kids. Shane Gibson

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## Coaches need training, too

A great coach can make all the difference for the development of athletes, but great coaches also need great coaches to become great coaches.

That's why the Association of Canada's National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) offers workshops for all types of coaches—from the community level all the way up to the elite and professional level—that can help coaches take those training underneath them to the top.

"The coach, besides the parent, is the most important person in a coaching environment—they supply the support and the technical information to improve an athlete," says Sheldon Reynolds, coach education coordinator with Sports Manitoba, who is in charge of administering the program provincially.

Specialized training is available for coaches of more than 65 different sports in separate workshops designed especially for athletes of different of ages, from beginners to top professionals.

"It's just so important to have a coach who's knowledgeable, who's supportive, and who's got the right demeanor for coaching to help the child develop," says Reynolds.

Go to coaches.ca to find out more about the NCCP.

Sport Manitoba's Respect in Sport program offers training for coaches of all sports to help identify abuse, neglect, harassment, and bullying in sport. The free online course is available at sportmanitoba.ca.

## Cycling sports key to athletic growth

One of the most important things we can do to help our kids be successful in sports may seem a little counter-productive to some parents—instead of focusing on just one sport, experts say playing multiple sports is much better for the long-term development of young athletes.

"If you look at the long-term athlete development model, sure, they want you to specialize—but that's later on—early on, you need athletes to experience a whole bunch of different stimuli to become good at that one sport," says Jeff Wood, a sport performance specialist with Sport Manitoba, who's trained elite athletes including Jonathan Toews and Travis Zajac over his more than 20 year career as a trainer. "When they're eight, nine, or ten years old they might want to play in the NHL, and that's great, but if they play hockey in the winter, and lacrosse or soccer or baseball in the summer... the skills they pick up play a part in that main sport they might want to focus on later on.

"If you can give kids a whole bunch of different skills as they grow up, when they get more serious about a particular sport, all those other activities play a role in how successful they are in that sport."

Playing multiple sports makes sure young athletes learn the basics of physical literacy—skills like running, throwing, jumping, and catching—which are not only beneficial to all sports, but can also set them up to continue being active even if their dream to play at a professional level doesn't pan out.

"You don't want to have your kid when they're 15, 16, and 17 years old and playing high school sports or AAA sports, only having experienced that one sport, because if they're not good enough to get to that next level, they're going to quit," says Wood.

A well-rounded experience in sports that starts at a young age and continues through their development also leaves athletes more likely to continue being active at all stages of their lives, says Sport Manitoba's senior manager of sport development, Greg Guenther.

"Within long-term athlete development they talk about the various stages and the final stage is active for life," he explains. "And you can become active for life at any age—you might be 14 years old and not be the most athletic or gifted athlete—but you've developed some skills because you've taken the opportunity to be a part of all these different sports and you just want to carry on being active.

"You want your kids to be active because it's going to make sure they remain healthy and physically active for the rest of their lives."

Sport Manitoba sport performance specialist Jeff Wood says making sure kids play multiple sports starting at a young age is more beneficial to their overall athletic development than focusing on just one sport. Shane Gibson

Sport Manitoba's Fit Kids Healthy Kids is a physical literacy program that teaches children and their adult leaders the fundamentals of movement to make kids confident and competent in sport and recreation for lives. Go to fitkidshealthykids.ca for more information.

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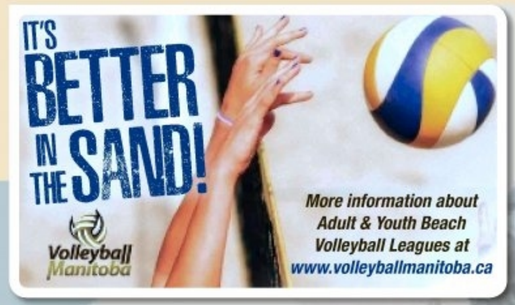
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## Canada games centre soon to open doors

Final work on the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre is expected to wrap up at the end of May—just in time for the thousands of athletes expected to come to Winnipeg for the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

And while the massive new training centre in Winnipeg will host basketball and volleyball games during the games, the multi-million dollar facility's lasting legacy will be the role it will play for local athletes of all skill levels for years to come, says Sport Manitoba's Greg Guenther.

"For us the long-term vision was always to be able to create an environment where Manitoba athletes could come to receive top-quality training within the long-term athlete development model and principles," he says. "There's always a high need for facilities for provincial teams, the public, and community programming, so that's why this is a multi-use facility built out of partnerships within the community to make sure there's time slots available for athletes of all ages from throughout the community."

The first phase of the project saw education and training space, a permanent home for the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, a sports recourse centre, and the 5,226-sq. ft Sports Medicine Centre added to Manitoba's offices at 145 Pacific Avenue in the Exchange District.

Construction on the second phase of the project, the Qualico Training Centre, got underway in the summer of 2015. The more than 120,000-sq. ft. training complex is attached to the Sport Manitoba building and will include a training track for sport and community use; both a public fitness centre and a high-performance fitness centre for elite athletes; strength, conditioning, and testing areas; an aerobic training centre; a plyometric testing area; and multi-purpose space that includes three full convertible courts, and areas for individual sports, fitness conditioning, and workshops.

Sport Manitoba hopes the facility's downtown Winnipeg location will become the heart of sport research, practice, and education in Manitoba.

"We're relatively central in terms of our location, so ease of access by coaches, athletes, and officials from different of Winnipeg is reasonable," says Guenther. "It's a good contribution to the whole development of this area of the city."

Guenther says the money brought in through rentals of the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre facilities will go back into sport programming in Manitoba, further expanding athletics in the province.

"It's a win-win," he says. "Not only does it provide high-end facilities for athletes to use for training immediately, but long-term we can put revenue back into sport programming in this province."

Go to sportmanitoba.ca for more information on the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre and to watch videos of the construction process.

The 2017 Canada Summer Games basketball and volleyball matches at the brand new Canada Games Sport for Life Centre facilities are open to the public. Go to 2017canadagames.ca for ticket information.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**23,000** – The number of school children Sport Manitoba expects to use the programs at the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre every year.

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# Ghosts of past renovations can haunt

RENOVATIONS

## DIY work on historic homes take extra care, patience

**Dwain Livengood, owner of this 1903 farm house in Lancaster, Penn., saves money doing DIY projects but knows to expect the unexpected and that mistakes can be costly.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dwain Livengood can save money on his home renovation project by doing the work himself. But he also knows that do-it-yourself projects in historic homes like his 100-year-old farmhouse require extra planning and research and that mistakes can be costly.

"Self-awareness is pretty huge," says Livengood, who grew up in the house in Lancaster, Penn., and is the third generation of his family to own it. "Saving money isn't worth it if in the end it looks like an amateur did it."

He is planning the first major renovations to the property, including a new kitchen, hardwood floor restorations and window repair.

DIY "fails" in historic homes can seriously damage a home's structure and character, says Jody Robinson, historic preservation officer for the city of Bellevue, Ky. DIY has a place in historic home renovation, she says, but it needs to be well-researched.

If your home or neighbourhood has a historical designation, there probably are restrictions on what you can do, particularly to exteriors. Consult with local authorities before initiating projects or hiring contractors.

"The difference with a historic home is the materials used and how they were constructed," Robinson says.

Slate roofs, wood gutters, weight-and-pulley windows, plaster walls and old building materials require special attention, experts say. Luckily, there's lots of information about which projects homeowners should and shouldn't attempt on their own.

Cities, preservations societies, restoration enthusiasts, and even businesses that specialize in historic renovation offer workshops.

Understanding your home's construction and appreciating historic renovation methods are the first step, says Benjamin Curran, department head for historic preservation at Savannah Technical College in Georgia. Through its Historic Homeowners Academy, the school teaches classes geared to the do-it-yourselfer.

When homeowners try to apply modern solutions to old homes "a remodel can easily turn into a re-muddle," Curran says. For example, using the wrong mortar can damage old bricks.

He recommends taking a class and consulting with a professional or historical preservationist.

Jim Wigton, president of the Monrovia (California) Historic Preservation Group, says it was formed nearly 40 years ago by residents who were restoring homes and wanted to share knowledge.

Livengood, who has experience restoring antique carriage and tractors, plans on repairing the 40 wood windows in his foursquare house this spring. Using tips from a professional restoration company, he will replace the rope that holds the cast-iron weights that allow the windows to move up and down, and will paint the windows' interiors. He's hired a professional to tackle the exterior. He anticipates the work he does will reduce the repair costs by $200 per window.

Windows are a good DIY project because the work is more time-consuming than difficult, says Danielle Keperling, who with her parents and husband owns Historic Restorations in Lancaster. Her company is open to teaching the how-tos in order to reduce project costs, she says.

To maintain a home's historical character, repairing old windows — rather than installing new ones — makes a big difference, says Keperling.

"Windows show the age of the house," she says.

Whenever Doug Heavilin hires a professional to work on his 1902 Queen Anne Victorian in Franklin, Ind., he shadows the person, soaking up as much information as he can. Heavilin is restoring the 4,700-square-foot house with his wife, Amy. They've finished five of the home's 22 rooms.

During their restoration journey, they've learned to install tile, hang wallpaper and drywall, repair plaster, and match stain and paint.

The Heavilins read, watch videos, take classes and swap tips with other homeowners before starting a project.

But they also know things might not go as planned and say it's important to be flexible. "You never know what you're going to find," says Amy Heavilin, recalling the time they discovered that their dining room chandelier was wired to a pipe with a coat hanger.

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# Mid-century design is going to the dogs

DOG HAUS

## L.A.-based architect creates stylish doghouse

What do you do if you're an architect and you can't find just the right house for your dog? Why, you design one, of course.

That's what Rahil Taj, of Rah:Design in Los Angeles, Calif., did when his fiancée's pooch needed somewhere tasteful to relax. Taj explains, "We couldn't find anything that fit our esthetics. We like modern, custom things and as a furniture designer I have high standards when it comes to that."

So Taj spent nine months creating a house — the MDK9 Dog Haus — that was not only impressive but could be flat-packaged for shipping.

His fiancée's dog is an English bulldog, Guinness, 7, who weighs 120 pounds and is 20 inches tall. Taj says figuring out the size of the house was a challenge.

**Stella, a Boston terrier/Frenchie mix, enjoys her mid-century home for dogs created by Rahil Taj that entertains both animals and guests with its clever design.** CONTRIBUTED

"It can't be too big or small, and the dog needs to feel protected in the house. That's where a lot of the development comes from. It must be cool but practical and fit in people's homes, as well as be easy on the eyes in their backyards."

Taj describes the MDK9 as a mid-century modern design. "It basically follows esthetics I've incorporated into my furniture design pieces and architecture drawings. It's a sleek, streamlined design — not your run-of-the-mill domed design you usually see in dog houses. It has a slanted roof, which is not just a design detail but functional — you want water to slide off the roof."

The house is waterproof inside and out, and the screen on the side is detachable, so the house has good air circulation and is easy to clean. Taj is working on something for the front entrance, to create a lockable crate.

The MDK9 is made of concrete, Brazilian teak and powder-coated steel. Smaller models are easy to bring indoors. Houses can be made larger or in a different colour, as well. as well.

The Mini version, which measures 46-by-30-by-30 inches, can accommodate dachshunds, Chihuahuas and small terriers.

The Large version, which measures 76-by-40-by-36 inches, can fit Great Danes and golden retrievers.

The home includes a special dog bed (waterproof and easy to clean) crafted by a company called Jax & BonesJax & Bones. Another company, Modern House Numbers, makes letters from aluminum for the dog houses.

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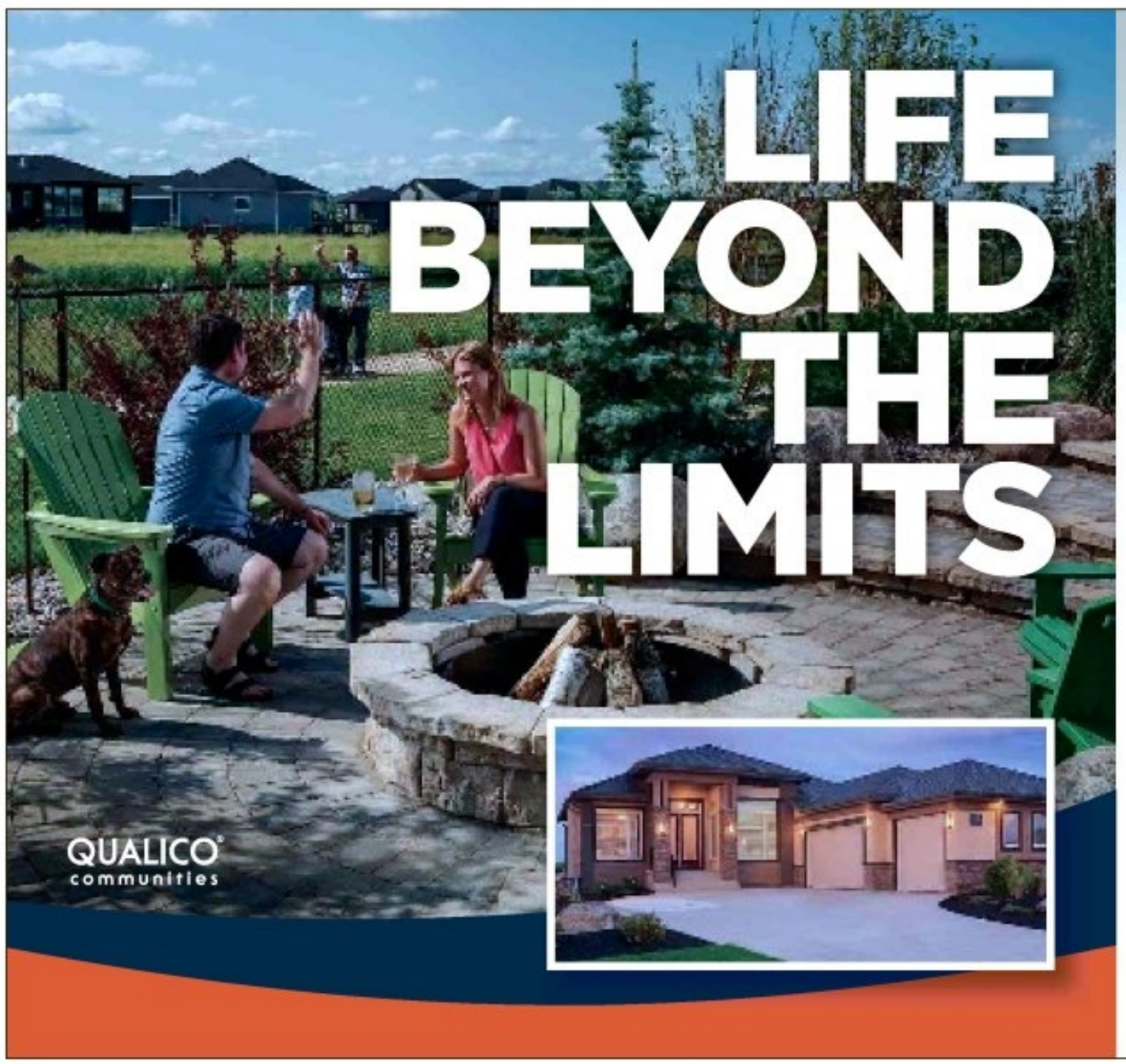
**Dog owner:**
Lauryn Maes, who lives in Palos Verdes Estates, south of Los Angeles, bought the MDK9 for her Boston terrier/Frenchie named Stella, 1.

"Stella had a decent house prior to this one — by decent I mean it got the job done — but it was the kind of thing you'd banish to the side of the house when guests came over," says Maes.

"(The MDK9 is) mobile, so we can move it all over the yard," says Maes. "The concrete seems to stay cool on warmer days, so Stella enjoys laying directly on it when I remove the bedding to wash it. We also opted for an additional feature: ceiling lights."

**Dog meter:**
"She loves it," Maes says. "She still greets me excitedly when I come home, but after about 30 minutes she's back to her comfy spot."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# Picking plants that thrive on neglect

Epiphyllum oxypetalum (Queen of the Night cactus). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOME DECOR

## Cacti are the perfect plant for beginner green thumbs

Succulents, which are plants with fleshy stems or leaves, are ideal houseplants. They have interesting shapes, are relatively pest-free and thrive in the dry air of a heated home — and on neglect.

Let's look at cacti, which are just one type of succulent.

Cacti are native only to the Americas, having evolved 60 million years ago when upward-pushing mountains transformed the then-lush tropical climate of the western Americas to desert. With thick stems for water storage (a giant saguaro cactus of Arizona can store 1,900 litres of water), an absence of leaves, which reduces water loss, and waxy coatings to hold in water, cacti thrived despite parched conditions. To fend off animals, many species developed spines.

### Origin and variety

Over time, cacti spread from within the Arctic Circle down to the tip of Chile. I have seen flat, green pads of opuntias growing wild on New York beaches and Christmas cactus growing wild in the crevices of trees in tropical rain forests. With the exception of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, every state in the U.S. has at least one species of native cactus.

Visual oddities abound. The old-man cactus (Cephalocereus senilis) has a shaggy covering of long, hoary "hair." The lamb's-tail cactus (Wilcoxia senilis) has slender stems which seem to pour out from the swollen root that protrudes above the soil line. Some of the moon cacti (Gymnocalycium spp.) have had their green chlorophyll bred out of them, so they are now red. Without chlorophyll, they can't survive, so they are grafted on top of other cacti.

### Spectacular flowers

Cacti commonly have spectacular flowers, made more dramatic by their prickly pedestals. Cacti such as mammilaria, notocactus, lobivia and rebutia bloom indoors with very little coaxing (rebutia often blooming twice each year). Fat flower buds along the stems of the orchid cactus, Epiphyllum open to spectacular red, pink or white blossoms, depending on the variety.

### Care tips

Caring for a cactus is easy: Provide good drainage by adding extra sand or perlite to any potting mix. Do not overwater.

Water your cacti two or three times, or even not at all, in winter. In summer, once every week or two is plenty. Watch the stems. If the plants shrivel or pucker, don't worry; just water them. If in doubt about whether or not to water, don't.

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"Energy efficient shower heads have special aerators that help reduce the water pressure which allows you to have the same shower experience while using less water and in turn using less energy to heat that water," explains Manitoba Hydro marketing specialist, Ashley Nichol.

Customers who are already taking advantage of the program are saving enough energy to power 1,405 homes for a whole year.

"Water and energy saver kits have been installed in almost 180,000 homes in Manitoba and as well as reducing their energy costs; customers are also saving over a billion litres of water a year."

The kits are available to all Manitoba Hydro customers who haven't already ordered one for their current primary residence. They're delivered free of charge by mail and each kit also includes two low-flow bathroom faucet aerators; one low-flow kitchen faucet aerator; three metres of water heater pipe wrap insulation; plumber's tape, and a refrigerator/freezer thermometer.

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"Right now the program is helping to save over a billion litres of water a year with 30 per cent of our customers taking part, imagine the difference we'd see if all customers install the kits?" For more information on Manitoba Hydro's Water and Energy Saver Program and to order a kit go to hydro.mb.ca/watersaving.

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# metro SPORTS

The Dallas Cowboys will release longtime quarterback Tony Romo on Thursday, according to an Associated Press source

**BRIER TWO MORE WINS FOR MCEWEN RINK**
Manitoba skip Mike McEwen, left, and lead Denni Neufeld react after defeating Brad Jacob's Northern Ontario rink 6-5 in Draw 12 of the Tim Hortons Brier curling championship in St. John's, N.L., on Wednesday afternoon. Manitoba went on to beat Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy 9-3 in the evening draw and sit atop the round-robin standings with a 7-1 record.
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## IN BRIEF

**Kingsbury, Dufour-Lapointe both earn bronze in moguls**

Canadian moguls skiing stars Mikael Kingsbury and Justine Dufour-Lapointe both won bronze medals at the world freestyle ski and snowboard championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain, on Wednesday.

Kingsbury was the favourite heading into the event after winning the overall World Cup title, but bobbled the landing on his second jump.

Dufour-Lapointe didn't make any glaring mistakes, but didn't earn enough points from the judges to finish higher on the podium.

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**Roughriders land former NFLer Young: Sources**

It seems Vince Young will make his football comeback in Canada.

Young's agent, Leigh Steinberg, tweeted Wednesday he was en route to Regina to finalize a deal between his client and the Saskatchewan Roughriders. A source said Young, 33, was also making the trip and the Riders were planning to unveil him at a news conference Thursday.

Young spent eight seasons in the NFL, completing 57.9 per cent of his passes for 8,964 yards with 46 TDs and 51 interceptions.

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# Jets win the battle but not the war

NHL

## Penguins extend win streak after fight-filled tilt

Nick Bonino had a hat trick and Evgeni Malkin scored a pair of goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins won their third straight game with a 7-4 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Wednesday.

Justin Schultz and Jake Guentzel also scored for the Penguins (41-16-8), while Malkin added an assist for a three-point night. Mark Streit and Conor Sheary each had a pair of helpers and Chad Ruhwedel recorded three assists.

Three of Pittsburgh's goals were scored during a 57-second span in the second period, including two on the power play.

Matt Murray made 31 saves for the defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins, who were beginning a season-long, five-game road trip.

Connor Hellebuyck, making his 12th straight start, was pulled midway through the second period after allowing five goals on 15 shots for the Jets. He was replaced by Michael Hutchinson, who made 14 stops in relief.

Shawn Matthais, Nikolaj Ehlers, Dustin Byfuglien and Marko Dano scored for Winnipeg (30-32-6).

**The Jets' Blake Wheeler and the Penguins' Evgeni Malkin renewed acquaintances on Wednesday night.** JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The first period kept fans entertained with some retaliation, fights, an ejection and a 3-2 Jets lead.

Just over three minutes into the period, Jets captain Blake Wheeler and Malkin dropped the gloves. In the team's last meeting Feb. 16 in Pittsburgh, Malkin hit Wheeler in the head and only drew a minor interference penalty.

Wheeler ended up punching Malkin to the ice to loud cheers from fans at MTS Centre.

Two seconds after the pair went to the penalty box, Jets forward Chris Thorburn also dropped the gloves with winger Tom Sestito, who was called up earlier in the day from the minors.

Malkin netted his 30th goal of the season at 11:57 of the first period and then Sestito got a game misconduct for checking veteran Winnipeg defenceman Tobias Enstrom from behind into the boards. Enstrom left the game and didn't return.

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# Barca pull off the impossible

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Neymar sparks absurd, historic comeback as PSG crumble

Barcelona completed the biggest comeback in Champions League history by beating Paris Saint-Germain 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals on Wednesday, scoring the decisive goal of a 6-5 victory on aggregate in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

With Neymar on inspired form, Barcelona scored three times from the 88th minute. Sergi Roberto's dramatic late goal set up by Neymar sent the Nou Camp fans wild and made their team the first to overturn a 4-0 first-leg defeat since the Champions League format started in the 1992-93 season.

PSG seemed certain to go through after Edinson Cavani scored a valuable away goal following Barcelona's opening salvo of three goals, which included a Lionel Messi penalty.

Barcelona needed three more goals to advance, and the feat seemed impossible even after Neymar found the net with a free kick in the 88th minute.

But the Brazil striker converted a penalty in the 90th and then followed up with a chipped pass for substitute Roberto to steer the ball beyond goalkeeper Kevin Trapp in injury time.

"This is the best match of my career," Neymar said. "It was difficult after the match in Paris. For the past week I have been crazy to play this match, and we have made history. I just told Sergi Roberto to get in the area, that he would score a goal."

The winner sent Barcelona's bench flooding onto the pitch as the stadium celebrated the club's 10th consecutive appearance in the quarterfinals. Coach Luis Enrique, who announced he would leave the club this summer, embraced Neymar and any other player or staff member within reach.

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Aggregate score 6-5

> **This is the best match of my career.**
> Neymar

"What defines this victory is faith, the faith of my players, the faith of our fans. No child or adult here at Camp Nou will forget this night," Luis Enrique said.

"I have never seen a better communion between team and supporters. We overran them, they didn't cross midfield."

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**Neymar and manager Luis Enrique** celebrate on Wednesday at Camp Nou in Barcelona.. JOSEP LAGO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## IN BRIEF

**Netherlands edge Taiwan at World Baseball Classic**

Jurickson Profar drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Netherlands to a 6-5 win over Taiwan on Wednesday in the World Baseball Classic.

The Netherlands improved to 2-0 in Pool A and advanced to the second round in Tokyo along with Israel, which also has a 2-0 record. South Korea and Taiwan failed to advance to the second round.

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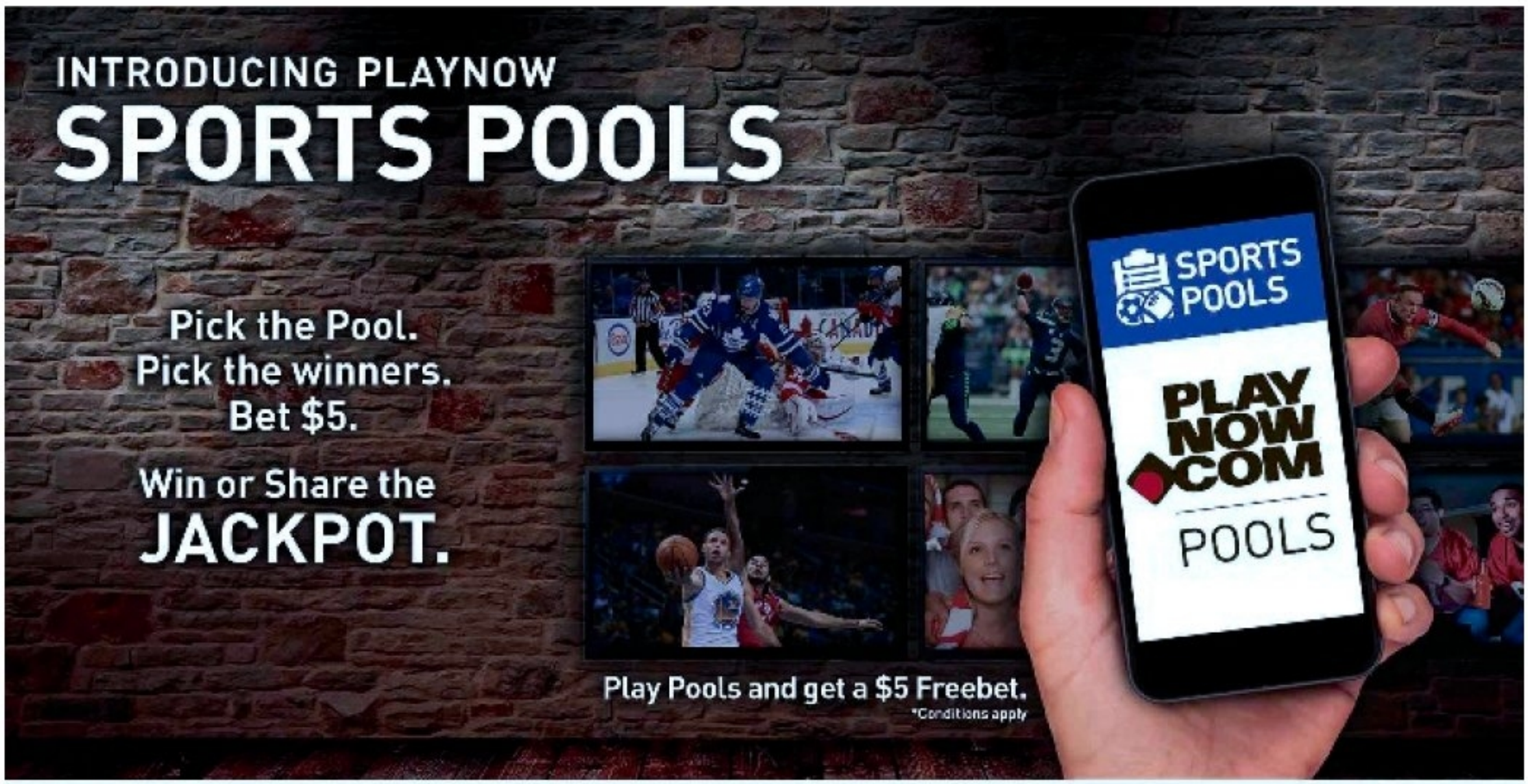
**Bettman keen to keep Coyotes in Arizona**

Fans of a potential NHL team in Quebec City should stand down for now.

While NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stressed that the Arizona Coyotes did not have a future in Glendale, he also said the league was committed to the team remaining in Arizona. In other words, the Coyotes aren't moving anywhere but within the boundaries of their current home in the desert. "We have not given up on that market," said Bettman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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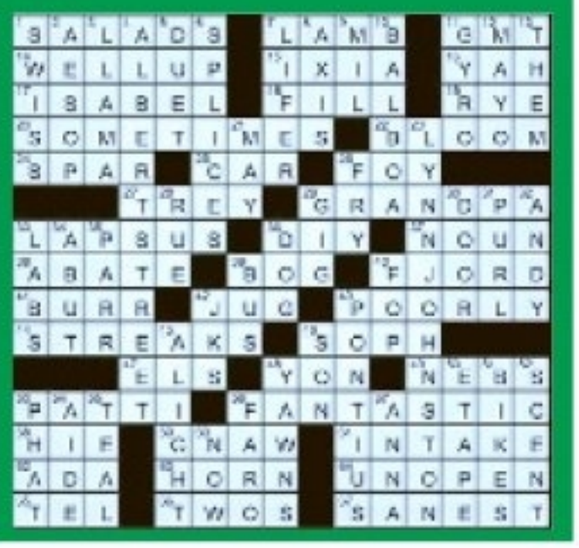

## ✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Today you want to get to the bottom of something. You want to solve a mystery or find a solution to a problem.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
This is a powerful day to address a group and tell them your ideas. It's quite likely that you'll want to introduce ideas that will improve things for everyone.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Today you might encounter a strong boss or a parent in an intense and purposeful way. Someone wants to shake things up in order to make them better.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Discussions about religion, politics or racial issues will be intense and powerful today. Don't get too carried away. Remember to maintain a common-sense approach to things.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You might see ways to improve how you handle your debt or how you deal with a bank. You also might see a better way to discuss an inheritance or deal with shared property.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful during discussions with others today, because people are tempted to give someone a "makeover." (Nobody really likes this.)

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Act on your ideas about introducing reform or improvements to your job. Meanwhile, you might have other ideas about how to improve your health.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might be concerned with the education or welfare of children today. If so, you want to help them. Others might be concerned about making improvements in the entertainment world or the hospitality industry.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
During a discussion with a parent or a family member, you might discover a better approach for improving your home, or possibly even a familial relationship. See what you can do.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your style of communicating today is so persuasive that you will be successful if you sell, market, teach, act or write for a living. No one will be able to resist you!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might be a bit obsessed with something today, especially if you are shopping. You might feel as if you need to have something. Easy does it.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself what you can do to improve your appearance and the impression you give to the world.

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# *Flavourful* Char Siu Pork

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**
For Metro Canada

Put down that takeout menu and impress your family with this intensely flavoured dinner instead.

**Ready in 1 hour 35 minutes**
Prep time: 1 hour 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

**Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 Tbsps honey
- 1 1/2 Tbsps hoisin sauce
- 1 1/2 Tbsps soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp Chinese wine (dry sherry can be substituted)
- 1 tsp white pepper
- 1/2 tsp five-spice powder
- 1/2 tsp sesame oil
- 1kg/2½ lbs pork tenderloin
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 Tbsps vegetable oil

**Directions**

**1.** In a small saucepan, add honey, hoisin, soy sauce, Chinese wine, pepper, five-spice and sesame oil. Whisk the ingredients together over medium heat. Cook until it thickens and becomes sticky. Let the sauce cool completely.

**2.** Add the sauce, vegetable oil, and chopped garlic to the pork and marinate it the fridge for an hour and up to overnight.

**3.** To cook, barbecue for about 6 to 8 minutes on each side, or place on the highest rack of the oven set on broiler for 6 to 8 minutes on each side.

**4.** Let the meat rest for 15 minutes or so before slicing. Serve over rice and sautéed greens.

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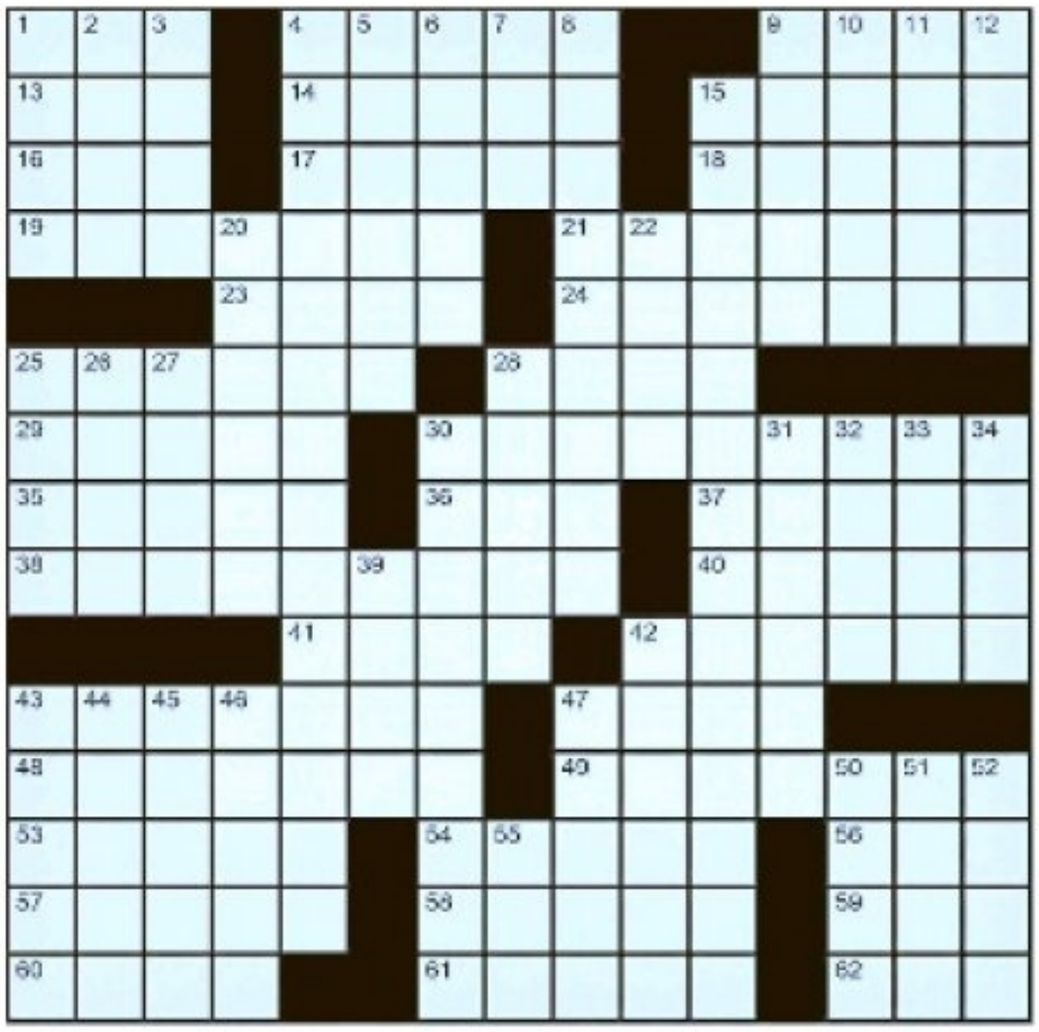
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Moo _ pork (Chinese cuisine dish)
4. Rapidly
9. Catherine of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
13. Arcade Fire frontman Mr. Butler
14. Mervyn _, "Madame Curie" (1943) director
15. "_ I Love You" by The Doors
16. Toward the ship's stern
17. "Rawhide" by Frankie _
18. Graceland legend
19. Life story movies
21. Iridescent
23. "What's Hecuba to him __ to Hecuba..." - Hamlet
24. Invention documents
25. Funny actor Jim born in Newmarket, Ontario
28. "2 Broke Girls" star Ms. Behrs
29. "You Bring Me Joy" singer Ms. Baker
30. Cosmetic dentists at times
35. Competitor
36. Possessor's contraction
37. Fix came-undone shoelaces
38. Little brewski: 2 wds.
40. Winnebago enjoyers, informally
41. Bellow
42. Discontinues
43. Mishandle: 2 wds.
47. Crevice-filling wedge
48. Mott's beverage
49. Leonard Nimoy's iconic character: 2 wds.
53. Poe's bird
54. Manner of speaking
56. Fried dish need
57. Tennis great Chris
58. Gloria Swanson role, _ Desmond
59. Unexplained sky sighting, perhaps
60. Moray-like
61. Subway 'currency'
62. Place down

**DOWN**
1. Q-Tip, for one
2. Sound system sort, shortly
3. Poetic preposition
4. Alanis Morissette song that goes "My sweater is on backwards and inside out.": 4 wds.
5. Just great
6. Originate
7. Pas pro
8. Surprising revelation: 2 wds.
9. Quebec, 'La _ Province'
10. _ and the Chipmunks
11. Mr. Eastwood
12. Giving-plants-water needs
15. Montreal-born Founder/CEO of Canadian bookstore chain Indigo: 2 wds.
20. Web gateway
22. Hors d'oeuvre spread
25. 1979: "Let's Go" by The _
26. Cartooning, for short
27. Kentucky Derby winner in 1972, _ Ridge
28. Edging choice for granite countertops
30. Perspective
31. Overhaul
32. Quebec 'summers'
33. Juste pour _ (Montreal comedy festival)
34. Legis. meeting
39. Concerning, cute-style
42. 1950s car trimming
43. Loose rock at a cliff's base
44. Percussion stick
45. "Bolero" composer Maurice
46. Beauty tool, with Board
47. Gloater's grin
50. "Mr. Holland's _" (1995)
51. _ au lait
52. Nautical mile
55. Scooby-_

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